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### Oconee Creek Items.

Walhalla, R. F. D., March 6.—Special: Don't forget the Rural School Improvement meeting on Friday night, March 10, at 7.30 o'clock. At this meeting "Carolina Day" will be observed with appropriate exercises. Misses Anna Darby and Carrie Darby Harrison, of Walhalla, visited our school last Tuesday. Misses Hill and Davis visited in the community last week. Mrs. Otis Vaughn spent last Monday in this community. W. W. West, of Easley, spent the

week-end with his brother, R. B. West. Mrs. W. M. Prince, of Easley, spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. W. M. Murphree. Mrs. J. L. Duckworth, of Walhalla, is spending this week at the home of W. M. Murphree. Claude Patterson, who has been quite sick, is improving. Pauline Thompson, who has also been quite sick, is better now. Misses Janie Harrison and Elizabeth Stribling spent the week-end at Tamassee with Mrs. Hayne G. Jones. Born, unto Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Murphree, February 28th, a daughter.

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### MATTERS IN SESSIONS COURT.

#### No Alternative Sentences Given Out in Whiskey Cases.

The Court of General Sessions for Oconee opened Monday last with Judge Mendel L. Smith presiding. Solicitor Kurtz P. Smith was at his post ready for looking after the interests of the State in the matter of violations of the laws. Stenographer Clyde V. Smith was also on hand at the opening of the session.

Judge Smith made a forceful charge to the grand jury, enjoining them to look closely after the interests of the State in all violations of the laws, and warning them to be very careful to avoid the possibility of the entering into their deliberations of any form of prejudice or sympathy. His advice was to "hue to the line, let the chips fall where they may." His remarks might well be summarized in brief by calling them a terse statement of duty in its broad sense.

T. W. LeCroy, one of the members of the grand jury, was found to be absent from the State, and Geo. M. Ansel, of Walhalla, was drawn to serve in his stead. He was at once sworn in as a member of the body and entered upon his duties.

#### True Bills Reported.

The following true bills have been reported by the grand jury up to this morning: The State vs.—

Alf Aiken—Assault and battery with intent to kill.

Sylvester Maxwell—Housebreaking and larceny.

J. P. Phillips—Disposing of property under lien.

George Morton—Assault and battery with intent to kill and carrying concealed weapons.

The following persons were given consideration at the hands of the grand jury, and true bills were returned against them on the charge of violating the dispensary laws: Al Thrift, John Norris, Press Johnson, Alf Williams, L. H. Burrell (two cases), William Burrell (three cases), J. S. Sullivan (two cases), Henry Franklin, W. H. Martin and J. F. Stalaker.

Dick Oglesby—Shooting into train. Furman Bowen—Assault and battery with intent to kill.

Elias Davis—Adultery.

Leonard Brewer—Seduction.

#### No Bills

were returned by the grand jury in the cases noted below:

Oscar Tolison—Indecent exposure of person.

John Carroll—Assault and battery with intent to kill.

Henry Harbert—Slander.

#### Disposition of Cases.

The case of the State vs. Leonard Graham, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill, and the State vs. J. Hamp Butts, violating dispensary law, were continued on motion of the Solicitor.

The cases against Wm. Burrell, violation of dispensary law; and W. H. Hughes, violation of dispensary law, (unable to attend), were also continued.

The case against Lee Williams and Lester Sanders was transferred to the contingent docket. (This is a case in which young Williams is charged with crime along with Lester Sanders, who is now serving a term in the State penitentiary for jail breaking. Sanders is still to answer the charge of robbery and housebreaking. Sanders pleaded guilty to the charge of breaking jail.) Just what connection young Williams has with the case remains to be brought out in open court.

The case of the State vs. B. P. Sloan, charged with carrying concealed weapons, was called and considered. This was an appeal from Magistrate's court. The defendant paid the fine imposed by the Magistrate and the appeal was dismissed.

State vs. Luther Earle—violating dispensary law. Found guilty on two counts. Sentenced to serve 8 months on the public works of Oconee at hard labor, or like period in State penitentiary.

State vs. Sylvester Maxwell—housebreaking and larceny. Found guilty on second count. Sentenced to serve two years on public works of Oconee at hard labor, or like period in the State penitentiary.

State vs. John Norris—violating dispensary law. Pleading guilty and sentenced to serve 6 months at hard labor on public works of Oconee, or like period in State penitentiary. Upon serving 15 days of sentence, 5 1/2 months will be suspended, conditioned upon the observance of the South Carolina liquor laws.

State vs. Alf Aiken—assault and battery with intent to kill. Remanded to Magistrate for trial.

State vs. J. S. Sullivan—violating dispensary law. Pleading guilty. Sentenced to serve one year at hard labor on public works of Oconee, or like period in the State penitentiary. Sentence was suspended until the 1st day of August, 1916, and defendant entered bond of \$500 for his appearance at that time before the Sheriff of Oconee to begin serving sentence. Upon the serving of 4 months of the sentence, the remaining 8 months to be suspended. If in meantime defendant shall be guilty of violating any of the prohibition laws of South Carolina, then the whole of sentence to be enforced.

State vs. Henry Franklin—violating dispensary law. Pleading guilty. Sentence and conditions thereof identical with the case above.

State vs. Alf Williams—violating

### LATEST WAR MOVEMENTS.

#### Artillery Hammers Verdun.

Washington, March 6.—The American consulate at Trebizend, the great British Black Sea port, was wrecked by shells when Russian warships bombarded the city March 1, according to a cablegram received at the State Department this afternoon from Consul Oscar S. Heiser.

#### Gains Made by Germans.

London, March 7.—The attack on Verdun has shifted to the west and the Germans are now engaged in pounding their way toward the fortress from beyond the Meuse, advancing along the railroad that parallels the westerly bank.

Last night the crown prince's troops assaulted and took the town of Forges, 9 miles northwest of Verdun, but were prevented from debouching the Cote de l'Oie, a height about a mile to the south.

To-day comes the admission from Paris that the Germans, after a violent bombardment, forced their way through Forges and along the railroad in the vicinity of Regneville, a village a mile and a half southeast.

Simultaneously an entire division violently attacked and captured Hill No. 265, southwest of Regneville. Heavy losses were sustained by the Germans, Paris declares.

The new drive of the Germans apparently is in the nature of a clearing operation, probably indirectly aimed at ultimate possession of the dominating heights in this region. For days they have been hammering the commanding height of Le Mort Homme and other elevations west of their present line of advance, which is bringing their infantry ahead in the same general direction.

The present movement, if successful, also will straighten out the battle line to the northwest of Verdun, which now curves sharply northward from the point of the bend in the Meuse, the territory included within which, lying east of the river, was some time ago reported cleared of French forces.

#### German Dreadnaughts Reported Out.

Rome, March 5.—Twenty German dreadnaughts have left Kiel, according to information received here today.

The foregoing dispatch was held up by the British censor for two days. Another dispatch filed in London at 3.25 o'clock Tuesday morning said that a fleet of 25 German warships was observed Monday cruising in the North Sea. The message was received in London from Vlieland, North Holland.

#### American Diplomat Dead.

Washington, March 6.—Olney Arnold, American diplomatic agent and consul general at Cairo, Egypt, died yesterday in a hospital at Lisbon, Portugal. Advances to the State Department from the American consulate told of his death, but did not state the cause.

dispensary law. Pleading guilty. Sentence and conditions same as in J. S. Sullivan case.

State vs. Press Johnson—violating dispensary law. Pleading guilty. Sentence the same as above cases, except that defendant is required to serve 3 months of sentence, remaining 9 months being suspended under same conditions.

State vs. L. H. Burrell—violating dispensary law. Pleading guilty. Sentence: One year on public works; 7 months suspended. Defendant to serve 5 months on public works, beginning August 1. Bail of \$500 for appearance at that time. Full sentence to be served if guilty of other violations of prohibition laws.

Town of Walhalla vs. Deltrich Rutledge and George Rutledge—(Appeal from Mayor's Court.) Appeal dismissed and sentence of the Mayor's Court affirmed.

State vs. L. H. Burrell—violation of dispensary law. Pleading guilty. Sentence: One year on public works. Defendant to serve 5 months, beginning August 1. Full sentence to operate if guilty of violation of any prohibition laws. \$500 bail for appearance on August 1.

State vs. Alf Williams—violation dispensary law. Pleading guilty. Sentence identical with other cases. To serve 5 months; 7 months suspended on same conditions.

State vs. Al Thrift—violation of dispensary law. Not pressed by the Solicitor.

State vs. Press Johnson—violation dispensary law. Pleading guilty. Same bail and suspension conditions to August 1. To serve 3 months; 9 months suspended.

State vs. John S. Sullivan—violation dispensary law. Pleading guilty. One year on public works; to serve 4 months; 8 months suspended on usual conditions. Same bail provision and penalty if guilty of violation of any prohibition laws.

State vs. Dick Oglesby—shooting into train. Pleading guilty. Sentence has not yet been passed.

State vs. George Morton—assault and battery with intent to kill, and carrying concealed weapons. Verdict: Guilty of assault and battery with intent to kill. Motion has been made for new trial, and same will be argued to-day. Sentence will not be passed until this hearing is had.

State vs. B. Stephens—disposing of property under lien. The jury is still out in this case as we go to press.

### SIZING UP OUR COUNTRY.

#### Definite Information Wanted As to Men and Munitions.

Washington, March 5.—The War Department, determined to be prepared for any eventuality, has ordered a country-wide inquiry to ascertain how many men of military experience would be available for commissions in the army should their services be needed. This inquiry has been directed first to all commissioned officers who saw service in the Spanish war. Each has been asked whether he can be depended to return to the colors should his country call him.

In addition, inquiries have been sent to all of those who informally offered their services to the United States when the Mexican situation was most acute about two years ago. At that time the War Department looked up and listed a vast number of engineers and other technical experts whose services would be invaluable in war. To all the inquiry has been renewed and each has been asked to inform the War Department whether the tender of services made in the former Mexican crisis holds good at present.

As a further means of increasing the commissioned personnel of the army, should need arise, the department is making a very careful study of the lists of those attending the students' military camp and the business men's military camps, notably that held at Plattsburg, N. Y., last year. The ratings attained by all of these participants are being gone over to show just how many and what character of officers could be commissioned from this source. The other reliance of the War Department outside of the regular army is the organized militia and adjutants general of the various States will report just what could be expected from their organizations by way of officers and enlisted men.

To complete this tactical peace mobilization the experts of the quartermaster's corps of the army of the Ordnance Department are again listing the various manufacturing plants of the country to know what their output of munitions and war supplies probably would be. Last year former Secretary Garrison directed that such an inquiry be made. To get this phase of the work further in hand the Commerce and Treasury Departments have been asked for the figures showing just what the exports of munitions and other war supplies to the European belligerents have been. From these reports it would be possible to deduce just what the total American output would be should the United States need its war products to fight its own battles.

### NEW SECRETARY OF WAR.

#### Newton D. Baker, of Ohio, Chosen by the President.

Washington, March 6.—Newton D. Baker, former Mayor of Cleveland, has been selected by President Wilson for Secretary of War. His nomination will go to the Senate tomorrow, and administration leaders expect quick confirmation so that the new Secretary may take active charge of the War Department's plans for army increase and reorganization.

Mr. Baker is a lawyer, and as a leader among Ohio Democrats has been a warm supporter of the Wilson policies since the pre-convention campaign in 1912. He has been a close personal friend of Mr. Wilson since the latter was his instructor years ago at Johns-Hopkins University, and was offered the post of Secretary of the Interior in the original Wilson cabinet, but declined because he then was mayor. He is understood to be in thorough accord with the President on the preparedness program and foreign questions.

An offer of the War Secretaryship was made to Mr. Baker by telegraph several days ago, after the President had spent more than three weeks carefully going over a long list of those suggested to succeed Secretary Garrison. Mr. Baker accepted, and upon being notified to-day wired that he would be in Washington Thursday.

Mr. Baker, who is 44 years old, will be the youngest member of President Wilson's cabinet by more than five years. The next youngest member is Secretary Houston, who celebrated his fiftieth birthday recently.

#### Francis to Succeed Marye.

Washington, March 5.—The White House officially announced on Saturday that the nomination of David R. Francis, of St. Louis, to be Ambassador to Russia to succeed George T. Marye, resigned, will be sent to the Senate.

It was stated word had been received from Petrograd that Francis' appointment would be satisfactory to the Russian government.

### NINE KILLED IN JAIL BATH.

#### Match Causes Fearful Explosion in Disinfecting Solution.

El Paso, Texas, March 6.—Nine dead, eleven probably fatally burned and a score or more less seriously injured was the toll of an explosion and fire late to-day at the city jail. The name of one American is included in the list of dead, and twelve are numbered among those seriously burned. Surgeons said to-night that the death list probably would reach 20, and that many of the injured would not live more than a few hours.

The accident was the result of a flash of flame from a solution being used in a disinfecting bath being administered to a large number of prisoners. The blaze is said to have been caused by a lighted match thrown into the fluid.

H. G. Bagby, a trusty, to-night named H. M. Cross as the man who struck the match which started the fire. Cross was under arrest for vagrancy. He died of his injuries.

When the burst of flame blew out the windows and doors a number of victims dashed into the streets on fire from head to foot. One of the victims, a voracious torch, plunged through jagged remains of a window pane and gained the jail roof where he expired. A number of the prisoners were blinded.

### Tamassee News.

Tamassee, March 4.—Special: On Monday, February 21st, our community was startled by an earthquake shock. It was a slight one, however, and no damage was reported, save to the nerves. We were surprised on Saturday following by a lively snow storm. During the afternoon and night the wind and snow held full sway. Again on Monday the snow fell in big-sized flakes, continuing through the night. This was the heaviest snow-fall of the season. Small patches may yet be seen in shady spots.

While visiting in Walhalla recently Mrs. C. Jones suffered a severe attack of indigestion. Her many friends will be glad to know that she is quite well again.

Mrs. W. J. Beard and W. B. Watson spent Friday and Saturday of last week with Mrs. J. M. Sifton in Walhalla.

Miss Mattie Lee and Mrs. Jesse Lay, of Cheochee, visited relatives at Six-Mile, Pickens county, recently.

Misses Elizabeth Stribling, Katie and Hannah Miller Harrison and Janie Harrison were week-end guests of Mrs. Hayne Jones at Tamassee Place a fortnight ago.

Mrs. Alice Cobb has returned to her home in Westminster after a pleasant visit to her daughter, Mrs. Christopher Kelley.

Miss Hannah Miller Harrison, of Walhalla, spent a short while recently with Miss Aline Whitmire.

Luther McBeo and Will Cleveland, of Greenville, came over in Mr. Cleveland's car for a hunt last Tuesday. They were the guests of H. G. Jones.

The Oconee Telephone Company has moved the phone from the Tamassee post office into the residence of John Rankin. The same good service will be found there as formerly at the post office.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Beatty, of the Picket Post section, were visiting relatives here last Sunday.

J. B. Compton, of Picket Post, visited last Sunday at the home of Geo. Rankin.

Miss Minnie Barker spent last week-end at her home in Walhalla.

On February 25 the literary society of the Tamassee school held its regular meeting. The pupils whose names appeared on the program were Nina Nicholson, Sophia Rogers, Elmer Lusk, Belle, Hannah, Dorcas and Lizzie Satterfield, Cable Nicholson and Cora Satterfield.

### County Teachers' Association.

The Oconee County Teachers' Association will hold its next meeting at 11 o'clock next Saturday, March 11, 1916, at the Westminster High School building. The association is fortunate in having secured Dr. E. A. Hines, of Seneca; Dr. C. M. Walker, of Westminster; and Dr. W. R. Craig, of Walhalla, to address this meeting. Interesting talks on "Clean-Up Day" and "Recreation" will be given by Mrs. J. R. Cobb and Miss Ellen Duncan.

The attendance at the meetings of the Teachers' Association has been excellent. Every teacher in the county is expected to be present at the meeting on March 11th.

Attempts to learn the date of Arizona cliff dwellings will be made by comparing the rings in tree trunks, preserved from that time, with those of the largest living trees in the State.

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